

A New Center Takes Shape
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Everything is on track for a July 2005 opening of the new Senior Center on Union Avenue.

A “notice to proceed” letter has been mailed to Builders Systems of Auburn, who will do the remodeling. The work will be coordinated, for the town, by Jim Egan of our Building Services Dept. With the bad weather behind us, we anticipate the fulfillment of our goal in the ninety day window that has been established with the general contractor.

Just a few notes as to the scope of work that is necessary to convert a Cable TV operation into a Senior Center.

- The large room along Union Avenue will be renovated into a 20 x 29 foot Heritage Gallery and a 29 x 34 multipurpose and exercise room.
- The unfinished area on the south side of the building will be fit out for a 30 x 60 living and game room, which involves, new heating and cooling, suspended ceiling and lighting.
- Overhead doors will be removed and windows installed.
- New flooring will be provided and walls painted.
- Outside of the large unfinished space, the corridor will be expanded and an existing room subdivided to provide two Outreach offices.
- Phase I will provide for the removal of the existing wheel chair lift in order to construct the pit for a new large elevator with changes to the second floor structure for the Phase II installation of a compliance elevator. (By doing this work now there will be a minimum of disturbance to the Center when the large elevator is installed as a provision for the use of the second floor.)
- For compliance reasons, one of the men’s restrooms will be converted to a women’s restroom.
- Cement floors will be converted to VCT flooring at designated areas.
- Windows on interior walls will be installed to provide visibility and light.

The Center is well underway and being monitored by the Council on Aging members.

Council meetings are held each month on the second Tuesday at 1:30 PM. The location of the meetings may vary from the current Center on Pearl Street to the new Center at 535 Union Avenue. If you plan to attend, please call 508-620-4819 for the correct location of the meeting. Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.